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SUBJECT: LOS: LETTER FROM AMB. WOLFF

REF: CARACAS 6647

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM  
AMBASSADOR RUDOLF WOLFF TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON, THE  
RESPONSE TO WHICH IS CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

2. QUOTE - DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

--THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF THE NINE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING  
THE RESULTS OF THE GENEVA SESSION OF UNDLOS. SINCE MY  
GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT HOLDS THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EEC I  
HAVE BEEN ASKED BY MY COLLEAGUES TO INFORM YOU ABOUT OUR  
CONCLUSIONS.

--THE NINE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE  
GENEVA SESSION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE SEABED  
REGIME. COMPARED WITH THE ICNT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS HAVE  
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BEEN REACHED IN GENEVA. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE SERIOUS  
OBJECTIONS AGAINST THE NJENGA TEXTS, E.G. THE GENERAL  
POLICIES IN THE AREA (ARTICLE 150), THE PRODUCTION CEILING  
(ARTICLE 150 BIS), THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (ANNEX II),

AND THE REVIEW CONFERENCE (ARTICLE 153). COMPOSITION AND  
VOTING OF THE COUNCIL WERE NOT AT ALL IMPROVED DURING THE

GENEVA SESSION.

--MY COLLEAGUES AND I FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD TAKE UP THE NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL THESE TEXTS IN NEW YORK AND PRESS FOR THE INDISPENSABLE IMPROVEMENTS. OUR FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD CONFER A CERTAIN STATUS ON OR GIVE AUTHORITY TO THESE TEXTS. THE GROUP OF 77 MIGHT THINK THAT IN THE END, MAYBE AFTER SOME COSMETIC CHANGES, WE WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE GENEVA RESULTS. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE MOMENTUM THE CONFERENCE GAINED IN GENEVA TO CONTINUE OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE HARDCORE ISSUES INCLUDING ALSO, AS FAR AS FEASIBLE, HARDCORE MATTERS OF COMMITTEE II AND III.

--WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NINE AND THE UNITED STATES WILL STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT DURING THE NEW YORK SESSION. FREQUENT AND THOROUGH CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR DELEGATIONS IN MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN SEEM TO US OF HIGH IMPORTANCE. A REACTION FROM YOUR SIDE TO THIS LETTER SOMETIME IN ADVANCE OF THE NEW YORK SESSION WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST WELCOME. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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